

The Whole Truth

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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." MAL. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." JOHN 8:32.

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McGLOTHEN HOUSE ENLARGED

On November 6, 1985, the dedication of McGlothen House was conducted. The department of women welcomed the general board and a throng of guests to witness the fruit of their labor. The McGlothen House project has been providing much needed housing for the elderly women, who so long worked in the vineyard of the Lord. Many of our supervisors and evangelists-missionaries have given forty-fifty years in service to God and this church. The McGlothen House assures they will have housing for the International Holy Convocation. Certainly, McGlothen House makes a statement that somebody remembers.

In October, 1987, the Whole Truth revisited the house located at 707 Edith Street. More renovation has been done and the house now has an entire second floor. The second floor

consist of five new bedrooms, two full baths and a large lounge area. The upstairs is made accessible by two new stairwells. One is special because it has a state of the art gliding chair for those who cannot climb the stairs. The renovations on the house has increased the value of the property greatly. The house was originally valued at \$40,000.00. Subsequent to the work the house is now insured for \$250,000.00 and the furnishings are valued at \$125,000.00. Mother Freddie Bell smiled as she commented how the saints and business people of the community and the entire church made so many things possible. Every auxiliary of the department of women has made a tangible contribution.

The lounge is simply beautiful. It is fully furnished with several couches and chairs. Everything



is color coordinated and decorated with attractive and quality fixtures. The house is carpeted and would make anyone feel like staying. The gliding chair is a mechanical work of art. For the saint that is too weak or handicapped and cannot manage a walk up the stairs, the chair provides a safe ride. Take it from this writer,

the ride is totally safe and comfortable.

Mother Bell and the staff showed the many appliances donated for the cause. She stated that Supervisor J. M. McCants and some devoted workers made the gliding chair a reality. The washer and dryer were also donated by supervisors from

various jurisdictions. Mother W. M. Rivers of South Carolina donated the washers and Mother Helene Akins of Western New York provided the dryer. All three of these supervisors have worked very hard on the project. The Headquarters jurisdiction donated the beautiful china, silver and crystal. Mother said,

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CUBAN DELEGATION ARRIVES



The first delegation of Cuban saints arrived a few days before the Holy Convocation. These saints are the first Cubans to attend the Holy Convocation in more than twenty five years. Since Fidel Castro came to power and governmental relations soured during the Eisenhower administration, no delegation originating from the Island has attended the meeting. This privilege was extended to only four Cubans, but the Mission department is hopeful this small beginning will produce more. Certainly, the power of God can overcome the barriers created by the political difficulties between the US and Cuba.

Arriving from Cuba were Elders Jaime Greene and Marcial

Migeul Hernandez. Sisters Clara Rodes and Caridad Merlo were on the plane and were glad to finally get on the ground. The Cubans were met at the airport by Sister Barachias Irons and the Sister Siderary Moody King. Dr. David Hall came along to provide translation, however, his infrequently used spanish was not truly needed. Elder Greene spoke some english and the two gentleman conversed in spanish and english. The editor was overjoyed when Elder Greene embraced him and shouted, "Hi I'm filled with the Holy Spirit." Elder Hall talked with the others who spoke little to no english. The group worked through any minor problems they encountered and enjoyed the fellowship.

The Mission department was careful to welcome the delegation with all hospitality because this initial contact was important. Bishop C. L. Moody was encouraged by the fact that Mr. Castro allowed the delegation out of the country. Important information about the church in Cuba was shared. Most saints are not aware that Bishops Fideler and Jones started the mission work in Cuba. Since the Communist took over, the church has been left alone with only minor contact. There are presently seven churches functioning in Cuba. The delegation informed the Whole Truth that everything is moving alright and really without government

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT COME TO ATLANTA '88

The 13th Annual United National Auxiliary Convention will be held July 4-9, 1988, in the beautiful city of Atlanta, Georgia, hailed as the "Black Mecca" of America, the cradle of the Civil Rights Movement, and one of North America's most exciting and scenic cities. As we prepare to meet in this historic city, we urge you to plan to meet us there.

Traditionally, UNAC offers opportunities for spiritual growth and development as well as exciting, vacationing and retreating for Church of God in Christ families. This year those opportunities will be significantly enhanced through new program offerings within the Convention itself, as well as an unparalleled occasion to visit some of America's most exciting tourist attractions such as: The largest Black educational consortium in America, Atlanta University Center, including our own CHARLES H. MASON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, the Martin Luther King Center for Non-Violent Social Change, including the birth-place and gravesite of Dr. King, and the Carter Presidential Library. This year's convention offers opportunities of a lifetime. Join us there.

I urge all delegates to register and make reservations early in order to secure your choice accommodations and share this glorious convention with us.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush

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GUEST EDITORIAL

TRANSFORMING OPPOSITIONS INTO OPPORTUNITIES

Genesis 50:15-21

ELDER ERNEST J. O'NEAL

The act of changing or converting is done through the medium of a transformation. Without any effort on our part, we're constantly involved in life's transformations; it is an on going life long process, for time alone will bring about a change.

"Mr scientist" states that all CORPOREAL SUBSTANCE consisted of MATTER which could not be destroyed, but changed only in form. Such MATTER could be identified only as Liquids, Gases or Solids.

We're all familiar with the formula "H₂O" which changes gases into Liquid, and at a certain temperature, such Liquid could be changed into Solids etc., but for such a performance there must be a "TRANSFORMATION."

When any two factions going in different directions, neither choosing to change its direction, both claiming to be going the right direction, then we have a BONA-FIED OPPOSITION.

Oppositions are not strangers to any of us, for they are the many negative forces that confront us daily. In many instances, they're so forceful against many of our efforts, that they cause delay and ultimate defeat in many of our life endeavors.

Oppositions causes us to become dismayed and somewhat discouraged; but before we throw up our hands in hopeless despair, let us remember that OPPOSITIONS can be TRANSFORMED into OPPORTUNITIES.

Opportunity is said to be as a flower in bloom--Time has brought about this bloom, and yet time will continue even after the bloom has gone.

Therefore time will produce an opportunity, but we must remember that time will last while opportunity is gone.

Opportunity is also said to be a chance to make a choice, and as the old "Cliche" states, that opportunity knocks but once, therefore, one must make haste while the sun is shining, and recognize an opportunity when it's presented..

Although we're confronted with many oppositions within our life's journey, let us consider and remember that OPPOSITIONS can be TRANSFORMED into OPPORTUNITIES.

AS WE FACE THE TEXT:

The Bible says: For whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures, might

have hope.

The text involves a conversation between the sons of Jacob, namely; Joseph who was Prime Minister of Egypt and his older brothers from the land of Canaan. Joseph consoled them with the words of assurance. (see Genesis 50:20)

In time past, Joseph had been bitterly opposed by his older brothers because of the relationship that he had with their father Jacob. His father favored him over any of his brothers, for the simple reason that Joseph was the first born of Rachel, the one of his two wives that he really loved.

Jacob married Leah and his first wife, only for the opportunity to have Rachel as the wife of his heart, who died in child birth of their second child, Benjamin.

Joseph was the only visible object to remind Jacob of the happy relationship that he and Rachel shared during her life time.

The envy of Joseph's relationship with their father, caused his older brothers to bitterly oppose him in every possible way, and even more so when he told them of his prophetic dream.

When they sold him to foreigners as a slave, they were sure that they were rid of him forever. While serving as a slave, circumstances caused Joseph to be imprisoned (Oppositions), but Divine Providence brought him out (Transformation) and promoted him to Prime Minister of the Land of Egypt.

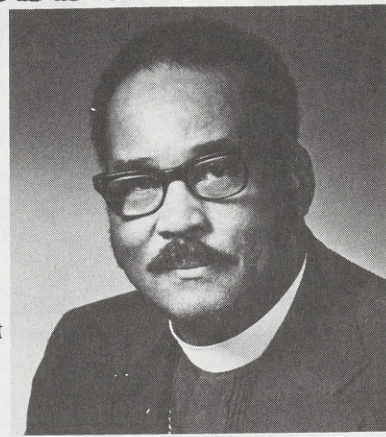
As years passed, there came a famine in the land of Canaan, which caused people to buy food from other countries, which brought Jacob's sons to Egypt. Joseph recognized his brothers before they became reacquainted with him.

After a long period of restraint on the part of Joseph, he finally broke down and identified himself, and invited his family to live in the land of Egypt and supplied them with all their needs (Opportunity).

After the death of Jacob their father, the older brothers were afraid that Joseph would seek revenge for the wrong that they committed against him in the land of Canaan.

In the text, we find Joseph offering them the assurance that in spite of their hostile views and actions towards him in the past, although they did it for evil, as an act of opposition against him,

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Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
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Office of the Presiding Bishop

My Fellow Workers in Christ:

My prayer to God on your behalf is that you will "prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

As you continue to work for the Lord, I urge you to be prayerful and watchful. My note of urgency is given as I am very much aware of the fact that Satan desires to sift you as wheat.

We live in a time of unrest and uncertainty. The media keeps us constantly reminded of the situations around the globe. There is so little peace among the neighbors in foreign lands and the people of these countries are perishing by the thousands.

Not only are conditions critical in other countries, we likewise face many dilemmas. Drug and alcohol abuse, teenage pregnancies, a rash of teenage suicides and critical economic reverses are all part of the situation we in America find ourselves in.

Jesus, in the Holy Scriptures, commanded that we "go into all the world" with the gospel. To obey this command, we need to be fully equipped. I came urging that you remember the need to study, fast, pray and then move ONLY after God has given you directions.

The people of this country, as well as those abroad, should be ministered to and we will do so; however, many in our congregations are in need of the same assistance. Some of our brothers and sisters are in need of food, clothing, counselling, and prayer. In order to assist them, we must first be prepared to be used of the Lord.

The enemy of our soul would have us think there is no need for fasting and praying, but my friends, the need is great if we are to work for Christ. Arm yourselves with these weapons and be watchful.

As you dedicate yourselves anew to the ministry God has given you, I pray that you will enjoy the smile of God's approval.

Your Chief-servant,

J. O. Patterson

J. O. Patterson, Sr.
Presiding Bishop

NATIONAL NEWS

OVER 3,000 ATTEND THE FINAL RITES OF A JURISDICTIONAL BISHOP

Bishop Floyd Atwood Walls departed this life on Saturday, September 26, 1987, in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Bishop Walls was chosen, in April 1986, by Bishop J. O. Patterson and the General Board Bishops of the International COGIC, in Memphis, Tennessee as Jurisdictional Bishop of Canada Second Jurisdiction of Canada.

He was a man that loved all and was loved by many. He had a genuine love for the Church of God in Christ. He taught his family and church members to love the Church and learn about the Church so that they will know what they are loving.

Bishop Walls was born on May 8, 1920 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. He was the oldest of six children born to Mr. Harding T. Walls (now deceased) and Burnadette A. Walls (now deceased). He married Alma M. Grayer Walls of Harrow, Ontario, Canada in September 1939, in Toledo, Ohio and she survives. To this union nine children were born. His survivors are Floyd B., Ralph G., Melvin T., Floreen A., Aaron A., Dwight E., David M., Denise K. and Deborah S., all of Ypsilanti, five daughters-in-law: Beverly, Carol, Annie Sue, Mignon and Debbie; two sons-in-law: Jerry Jackson and Vernice Chalk, both of Ypsilanti; and eighteen grandchildren; and one great grandchild and one God Child. Three sisters: Lillian Smith of Ecorse, Michigan, Gwendolyn Aplin of Ypsilanti and Thelma Sheppard of Detroit. He was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth (Bootsie) and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was "Saved" from his sins in February 1946. In the same year, in May, he was called to the ministry and was ordained by the late Bishop C. L. Morton, Sr., in March of 1952, in Canada, Ontario. In 1975, he attended Bishop C. H. Mason Theology

Seminary in Detroit and received a Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from the Urban Bible College in Detroit in 1984.

He started pastoring at Macedonia COGIC, 976 Monroe St., Ypsilanti, which was later renamed Shiloh, after the present church was built in 1960, on Jefferson Avenue in Ypsilanti.

In addition, Bishop Walls served as Vice-president of the International Church of God in Christ of the United States and Canada; was an administrative assistant to Bishop A. T. Harrison of the Ontario Jurisdiction of Canada for 12 years; was a delegate to the International General Assembly of the COGIC; has pastored and established churches in Ypsilanti, Sumpter Township, Detroit, Inkster and Harrow, Ontario; was a gospel radio and television personality; and received an abundance of community service awards from Federal, State and Local Governments and Organizations.

On Thursday, October 1st, at 7:00 p.m. the Shiloh Family celebrated the home-going of Bishop Walls with a State Service. There were representatives from the Great Lakes Michigan Jurisdiction (Bishop C. L. Anderson Jr., and Mother Cranford); Southwestern Michigan No. 1 Jurisdiction (Bishop W. L. Harris and Mother Belvin); Southwestern Michigan No. 2 (Bishop E. J. Wright and Mother Crutcher); Michigan Southwestern No. 3 (Bishop R. L. Jones); Western Michigan C.O.G.I.C. (Bishop N. W. Wells); Ontario, Canada (Bishop Harrison and Mother Crutcher) and a special music (violin) selection from Brother Samuel Murrell of Kansas City, Missouri) and Bishop William Rimson of Detroit, Michigan officiated the service. He



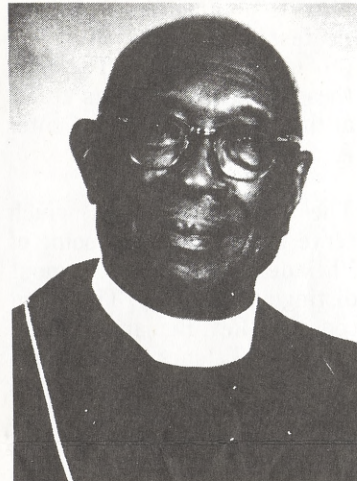
Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr.
delivering the eulogy.

preached a sermon that was fitting to the life of the late Bishop F. A. Walls "It is Holiness or Hell."

On Friday, October 2nd at 1:00 p.m., the National Services were rendered. Officiating, The Most Reverend James Oglethorpe Patterson, Sr. Chief Apostle Church of God in Christ, Inc. There was a tribute by the National Board of Bishops - Bishop J. H. Sherman, Chairman; a music selection by Sister Karen Clark Sheard; Words by Missionary Lois Harris of Detroit; Resolutions and Apostolic Tribute by Office of Presiding Bishop - Bishop F. E. Perry, Chief Adjutant; Special Musical Tribute - Samuel Murrell; a music selection by Sister Vickie Winans; Introduction of Presiding Bishop by Bishop Anderson; the active Pallbearers were the sons of the late Bishop Floyd A. Walls (Elder Melvin T. Walls, Elder Dwight E. Walls, Rev. Floyd B. Walls Jr., Deacon Ralph G. Walls, Brother Aaron A. Walls and David M. Walls.)

Bishop Walls is greatly missed by his family, members of his local church and the churches under his auspices in Canada. Even though his presence is greatly missed, he will never be forgotten.

BISHOP E. J. McDOWELL 1912 - 1987



BISHOP E. J. McDOWELL

Bishop Elson James McDowell was born February 25, 1912, in Lauderdale, Mississippi. He was the youngest of six (6) children born to Frank and Lennie McDowell.

Bishop McDowell was married December 5, 1931, to the late Scozie (Josie) McCormick in Bassfield, Mississippi. To this union four sons and two daughters were born. On April 1, 1978, after forty-six (46) years of marriage, Missionary Josie McDowell entered into eternal rest. Shortly thereafter, Bishop McDowell married Mrs. Minnie Mae Newsome in Jackson, Mississippi, who was his faithful and most endearing companion unto the end.

The Bishop spent his childhood in DeSoto, Mississippi where he received his grade school education. He attended high school in the Springhill community of DeSoto, Mississippi. In November, 1969, he received a certificate from the New York Theological Seminary in Action Bible Study. In November, 1974, he received a certificate from the Charles Harrison Mason System of Bible Colleges. A degree in Pastoral Theology was received in 1976 from the C. H. Mason System of Bible Colleges.

Bishop McDowell was called to the Ministry in the Church of God in Christ in 1936, in Picayune, Mississippi, and he was ordained September 26,

1941, under the late overseer F. W. Reed in Jackson, Mississippi.

The Bishop presently pastored the Nicholson Temple Church of God in Christ in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and the Assembly of Zion Church of God in Christ in Gulfport, Mississippi. Previously, he pastored Churches of God in Christ in Milard, Poplarville, Richton, Henderson Point, Tylertown, Moss Point, Lucedale, and Collins, Mississippi. His former responsibilities in the state consisted of twelve (12) years as State Sunday School Superintendent in Southern Mississippi No. 1, and District Superintendent for twenty-one (21) years in Southern Mississippi No. 1 and No. 2. In 1964, he became District Superintendent of the Gulf Coast District. In 1983, he was appointed Chairman of the Executive Board of Southern Mississippi No. 2 by the National Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson.

In 1984, he was appointed Administrative Assistant to Jurisdictional Bishop J. O. Patterson Sr., where he served until being appointed Jurisdictional Bishop on January 23, 1985. Bishop McDowell was also a member of the National Financial Staff of the Church of God in Christ.

Although Bishop McDowell served the National Church, he never failed to do a good job at home. He was a servant to mankind; he was not a respecter of persons. He was never too tired to answer any call. It was never too early or too late at night to come to one's rescue, and if he thought he could help a person in any way Bishop responded willingly and cheerfully.

Consequently, our Bishop leaves an inheritance of prayers, a godly life, and good name, a wonderful example and many, many cherished memories.

On Saturday morning,

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The Pallbearers of the late Bishop Walls, were his sons, Elder Melvin T. Walls, Elder Dwight E. Walls, Minister Floyd B. Walls Jr, Brother Ralph G. Walls, Brother Aaron A. Walls, and the Brother David M. Walls.

EVANGELISTS ON FIRE



Dr. E. L. Battles

The International Evangelist Department of the Church of God in Christ recently conducted a successful outreach and evangelism service for the

jurisdiction of Virginia First. The place was the New Community Church of God in Christ, located in Portsmouth, Virginia. Bishop Ted Thomas, Sr., is prelate and the host for these services. Dr. E. L. Battles and his band of inspired, on fire workers brought a wealth of soul winning experiences in an effort Virginia will long remember. As the department motto reflects, "The flame of evangelism must never go out." From the results of that great meeting it appears President Battles will keep the fires hot.

General board member, Bishop Samuel Green attended the services and gave the support he could, inspite of an extremely

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PENTECOSTAL NETWORK

Philadelphia, long hailed as the city of brotherly love has something spiritual going for it likewise. Philadelphia's pentecostal community is demonstrating real unity and fellowship through the Pentecostal Network of Philadelphia. This group was founded in 1985, and is dedicated to developing and promoting unity and strength among the pentecostals. Basically, the purpose of the network is raising Bible consciousness, uniting in prayer, promoting evangelism and developing biblical life applications for the believer.

This year in June the many churches and pastors of the network conducted a city wide crusade. Bishop Sylvester L. Webb president of the group informed the Whole Truth of this very encouraging and successful event. The Church of God in Christ is among the many area churches to effectively participate in the event. Bishop Webb, who is a prelate in the Mt. Olive Holy Temple Church reflected that Evangelist Richard D. Henton of Chicago was the guest preacher. Ms. Deniece Williams was the guest artist. Ms. Williams received a Grammy for her single "They Say," a duet with Ms. Sandi Patti. Her other release "I Surrender" received like honors as best Soul Gospel Performance by a Female. She was also a soloist for the Indiana State Choir as a youth being raised in

the Church of God in Christ. Mr. Marvis Frazier, boxing professional was there to provide his witness. Together, these and a host of saints united at the Philadelphia Civic Center Auditorium.

The board of directors which serve the network are some of Philadelphia's most distinguished clergy. The board consist of Rev. Benjamin Smith, Bishop O. T. Jones, Bishop Lena Thomas, Bishop Dewitt Burton, Bishop R. T. Jones, Rev. Matt Yancy, Bishop Amy B. Stevens, Bishop Joseph T. Bowens, Bishop Robert O. Doub and Bishop Abraham Urqhart.

Bishop Webb commented, "The organization grew out of the work of Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr., and other leaders as they developed the National Fellowship of Pentecostal Churches. Our group was inaugurated December 1, 1985. Since that time we have conducted several rallies, numerous seminars to train workers for evangelism and on June 7, 1987, held Crusade 87 at the Philadelphia Civic Center and with about 11,000 people in attendance." The bishop is hopeful of bigger and better events for the network fellowship. Certainly the coming year should be a great benefit to all of Philadelphia.

BIOGRAPHY OF A GREAT WOMAN

MOTHER ELIZABETH J. DABNEY

Announcement: What It Means To Pray Through is being reprinted by the Church of God in Christ Publishing Board. The Church of God in Christ will be releasing the book in late November.

Mother Dabney in relating incidents of her life, always chose to omit details as to birthdate, place of birth and similar details. She was a native of Virginia. She insisted that Jesus was the only important One and that it was unnecessary to be taken with ourselves. In a book that Mother Dabney wrote, What It Means To Pray Through, mention is made of her having a praying mother.

Mother Dabney's father passed away when she was young. She knew little of him. He was a slave. At one time, he was tarred and feathered to be burned alive. His persecutors forgot the fire. When they returned from the proposed site of the burning to get the fire, Mr. Jackson, Mother Dabney's father, escaped. God provided this way out for him. He hid for years around swamps. During these years in hiding,

Mr. Jackson met and married.

Mother Dabney was a college student in Philadelphia. In a course of psychology, she went with peers to observe the church services, intending to petition for the church to be closed. Bishop O. T. Jones, Sr., was the pastor. In the course of the service, God healed her of tuberculosis and dissolved a tremendous abscess that ran day and night. Mother Dabney was also filled with the Holy Ghost on that same night and the Holy Spirit spoke through her in Italian. An Italian woman in the audience heard this call to repentance in Italian, and accepted Jesus that night.

Mother Dabney's prayer ministry (for which she was best known) came about as the result of a covenant that she made with God to pray at the church at nine o'clock daily for three years and to fast seventy two hours weekly for two years. The time of fasting was to be spent in the church. She offered these devotions to God, and asked Him to bless her husband's ministry.

Because of Mother Dabney's consecration, God greatly anointed her. At the end of three years, not aware that her time was up, she went to the church as usual. God locked the door, and would not allow her key to

open the door.

Mother Dabney's fame spread around the world because of the marvelous healings that God gave to multiplied thousands through her prayers. An eyewitness related that in one service, nine blind persons received their sight. Mother Dabney received one million letters telling of healings and requesting prayer. One man, gun in hand, on his way to kill his wife and her suitor, felt a hand take him into the Garden of Prayer where he was saved. At the Garden of Prayer, Elder B. H. Dabney was the pastor. Mother Dabney carried on a prayer ministry. They had a son, John Henry. She also spoke of having a brother P. Jackson and a sister, Sister Dorothy Brown.

Mother Dabney folded her tent November 1967, and went from labor to reward. Her sacrifice and reward seemed so unique. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

Data furnished courtesy of Sister Katie McBurrows and other sources.

WHERE TO TURN

When it seems you don't know what to do
Look to Jesus He will see you through.
He will lend you a helping hand,
and
Will lift you, I know He can.

When it seems all hope is gone
Don't just sit around and groan
Jesus knows you are at home
Don't you worry He will never leave you alone.

Now if you still don't know where to turn
This is another way that will not lead you wrong.
Because when something fail and things go wrong
A little faith will make you strong.

And when you get down to your last dime
Wait on the Lord He's right on time.
When your money is all out, and your bills are due
Wait on the Lord He will see you through.

So my friends the answer is, turn to Jesus
Jesus our Savior and Lord
And always remember earth has no problem
That Heaven can not solve.

by
Rosa Broussard

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MIRACLE IN 21st HOLY CONVOCATION



**BISHOP C. L. ANDERSON, JR.
JURISDICTIONAL BISHOP**

Great Lakes Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Michigan by Kimberly A. Lewis

"Oh Sweet Wonder" was the praise that rang through the tightly filled sanctuary of Anderson Memorial Church of God in Christ in Detroit, Michigan, as one teary eyed Deacon walked across the pulpit joyfully proclaiming the restoration of his recently lost eyesight.

It was the sixth evening of the 21st Annual Holy Convocation of the Great Lakes Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Michigan, presided by Bishop Cleveland L. Anderson, Jr., General Board Member. This was also the night that traditionally, Bishop O. T. Jones, Jr., prelate, Jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania addresses the congregation. Great Lakes had witnessed the incredible manifestation of God's presence in all of their jurisdictional gatherings this year, but never quite to this extent.

The Holy Convocation was launched with a two day Shut-in Consecration held at Anderson Memorial Church, followed by the annual pre-musical. However, the official opening was Tuesday, August 11, at noon. The theme this year: "Don't be a Failing Christian."

Each day, Elder Clifford Dunlap conducted seminars on the "Spiritual Man." Nightly,

outstanding ministers and pastors from within the jurisdiction, presented their district, their choirs and the word of God. Many people were saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

The women were in charge Friday. Mother Merle Cranford, Supervisor of Women, presented the Women's Day message: "Women, We are Blessed," Matthew 5:1-12. Immediately following the Women's Day Service was a beautiful dinner for those who attended the service.

Saturday night, the Young People's Willing Worker and the Sunday School Department presented a program. It was not long before the sanctuary was completely filled. Bishop Jones was the keynote speaker. He delivered what might have seemed to be an unusual sermon for a bishop because he did not have any printed notes, nor an outline. There was no specific text or theme. Bishop Jones simply began to describe the resurging of the Holy Ghost which is occurring in the Jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He explained facts about the Holy Ghost. He gave examples of the imparting of the Holy Ghost. He made the congregation aware and eager for another touch from the Holy Ghost.

The congregation became increasingly inspired and motivated to praise God, as Bishop Jones reported the growth and out-pour of the Holy Ghost in his Monday night prayer service, which astonishingly grew from 10 people in the pastor's study to over 200 people in the basement of Holy Temple Church. He went on to detail the Holy Ghost retreat that he conducted for 80 of his 115 pastors in at the beginning of the year. "There were four rules of conduct" explained by Bishop Jones. Firstly, there was no discussion of anything but the Holy Ghost; Secondly, there were no telephone calls except in an emergency; Thirdly, there was

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Scene from the 21st Holy Convocation of the Great Lakes Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Michigan.

POWER IN SPITE OF CIRCUMSTANCE



by
Carol A. M. Robinson

October, the time of the year when the saints are preparing to make their departure to our earthly Jerusalem, Memphis, Tennessee. Every saint should realize the inspiring glory one receive while attending the International Holy Convocation. It is reminiscent of the song writers lyrics, "When all of God's children get together, what a time, what a time, what a time!"

During our Holy Convocation in 1982, the communion services remain vivid in my mine. Bishop Harold Benjamin preached a noble message, "The Tragedy and the Triumph of Calvary." I left the convention full of power and ready to conquer any obstacle that might come.

On May 26, 1983, the most travailing moment happened in my life. A 19 year old woman stabbed and killed my oldest sister. She was only 34, and left to mourn her passing a 12 year old daughter and a 1 year old son. Immediately my family grew by two. Of course I recognized no good from this large and personal tragedy. The pressure was so great that upon leaving the morgue, I collapsed in the arms of my husband. God spoke to me through lines from the 23rd Psalms. Somehow He strengthened me for this devastating hour. From that time forward I knew the Lord would endow me with power inspite of my circumstances.

In December of that same year our automobile was struck by a city transit bus. The result was a whole of extensive physical therapy for my husband and I.

A year later, 1985, while attending the Holy Convocation, in the midst of nearly 30,000 saints my husband suffered a near fatal heart attack. I was

paralyzed with fear. By the time I reached the nurse's station and returned to my husband, God stepped in. He was able to walk though in a weakened state. As we left Cook Convention Center we passed Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr., and the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who was scheduled to preach that night. God encouraged me that He would never leave, nor forsake me. We endured many trying moments, but God was true to His word.

Life's circumstances seemed to stabilize and progress was made in the health of my family. On February 13, 1986, all of that changed. A driver slammed into the rear of our automobile and caused me much pain and suffering. I spent two and a half weeks hospitalized. It was not until August of 1986, that God confirmed my healing was going to come through lower back surgery. The doctors said 80% recovery, but the Lord said 100%.

God was true to His word again. My back has not been a source of pain.

Next my husband was told that he had a irregularity in the blood. The investigation led us to a heart specialist. The doctor informed us that a heart valve placed in my husband 19 years ago needed immediate replacement. Lord the circumstances of life were again weighing heavy upon my family. March 17, 1987, my husband underwent his second open heart surgery at 43 years of age. The experience proved up lifting as God's man was in and out of the hospital in seven days.

Finally, I had my back surgery. June 19, 1987, was the day that God confirmed His truth. The surgery went well. On August 29, 1987, the Lord blessed the entire Robinson family to witness the ordination of my husband. Bishop S. N. Frazier of the Minnesota Jurisdiction fully established the ministry of Elder Robinson in the grand old Church of God in Christ.

This article was written to be a source of encouragement. Saints we can have power inspite of our circumstances. Jesus promised us in the word that His Holy Ghost would give the believer power. There are no circumstances which can overcome the grace of God. Take faith and be assured that God knows what tomorrow will bring and He will prepare you to face it successfully.

sick were healed and demons casted out under the anointing of the spirit. Both evangelists prophesied and is revealing the truth in their words. God added to the church as these evangelist labored. Deacons who belonged to other reformations joined us. Family upon family came in the greater family of God. Our pastor, Elder Jefferson prayed for a lady that had a continuous headache for two years. That night the Lord healed her and blessed her on the spot. We can truly say the Lord has done a great thing among His people.

We the saints in Bellport, New York ask your prayers and we shall do the same for you.

Gladys Yancy, Reporter
Supt. Ralph Jefferson,
pastor

FAMILY and FRIENDS

To the Editor:

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Josh. 24:15

Greetings to all the Saints from the **FIRST CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**, 156-11 108 Avenue, Jamaica, New York, Dr. C. Wilbert Daniels, Sr., pastor.

On September 27, 1987, we celebrated our Annual Family and Friends Day, and the Lord was in the service in a mighty way.

This service is a time when our families and friends gather to renew fellowship and to enjoy the presence of the Lord.

The guest speaker was the Reverend Charles Bond, co-pastor of Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, Amityville, New York. The Lord placed His anointing upon Reverend Bonds as he ministered to us in the power of the Spirit.

Featured in the service was an instrumental solo by the pastor's son, Clifford, Jr. The guest speaker's daughter, Brenda, rendered a vocal solo.

As many were gathered at the altar, the song was sung, "The Spirit of The Lord is in This Place," the spiritual rain fell upon all, and the Lord had His way.

After the service, the tables were spread with delicious food and free dinner was served to all. The fellowship was great!

We ask for your prayers that God will continue to lead and to bless us in our endeavors.

Dr. C. Wilbert Daniels, Sr.,
Pastor

Mrs. Willa Mae Boyd,
Reporter

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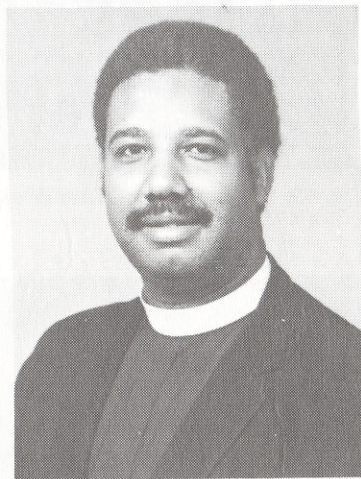
A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

THE REVEREND GEORGE EVERETT PERRY was born in Houston, Texas, November 5, 1942. HE attended the public schools in this city and graduated from Kashmere Senior High in 1961. While in high school, he participated in R.O.T.C., and was active in several sports.

In February 1961, HE entered the United States Armed Services, at Fort Hood, Texas. Following his training as operating room technician in San Antonio, he served in Idar-Oberstein West Germany. HE also participated with medical units of four countries in an North Atlantic Treaty Organization (N.A.T.O.) exercise in Luxembourg. After completing his time of active duty in West Germany, REVEREND GEORGE PERRY returned to civilian life in January, 1964.

In 1970, REVEREND PERRY married Miss Linda Hammonds, of Houston, Texas. They have three children, one son (George Adrian) and two daughters (Catherine and Pamela). His wife holds degrees in Theology and Nursing; she presently works for a local business establishment. After returning home from the Armed Services, he became an independent businessman and has unlimited work experience in the secular world.

HE was licensed to preach on October 16, 1972, and after having responded to the calling of God, he was later ordained on June 29, 1974. REVEREND GEORGE PERRY entered Southern Bible College, in Houston, Texas and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1977. Afterwards, he received a Master of Divinity (M.DIV.) at C. H. Mason Theological



Rev. G. E. Perry

Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia in 1980. HE has served as Associate Pastor of Cathedral of Faith Church of God in Christ in Atlanta, Georgia. HE also served as Assistant to his father at Greater Lighthouse Church of God in Christ, from 1982 through 1987.

REVEREND GEORGE PERRY completed a year internship in Clinical Pastoral Education (C.P.E.), University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute. After which he was invited to remain on the staff and serve as staff chaplain for 15 months. HE also did a year residency in C.P.E. at St. Luke Episcopal Hospital in Houston, Texas.

HE served as Vice President of the Association of Chaplains of Texas, from 1985 through 1986. HE also served as Secretary Treasurer Programme Coordinator, for Southeast Texas Association of Chaplains in 1985 and 1986. HE is a clinical member of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education Inc., and currently President of Southeast Texas Association of Chaplains. HE is a man who loves GOD and the CHURCH!

HOLY GHOST REVIVAL

In Bellport, New York a great revival was recently conducted. From August 25-September 4, 1987, the saints in Bellport fasted and prayed while in revival. God honored our devotion and sent a great meeting. For ten nights it was heaven on earth. The meeting was conducted under a big tent and in the church at various

times. Wherever God led He met us there. Thank the Lord.

Two excellent evangelists came our way. Elder C. Wallace of Brooklyn, New York, and Evangelist Loretta Williams of Detroit, Michigan were a joy and inspiration. God blessed every night, as many backsliders returned through grace. The

INSIDE MCGLOTHEN HOUSE



Mother Freddie Bell demonstrates the gliding chair's safety features. Its addition in McGlothen House will enable the saints easier travel up and down the back stairs.



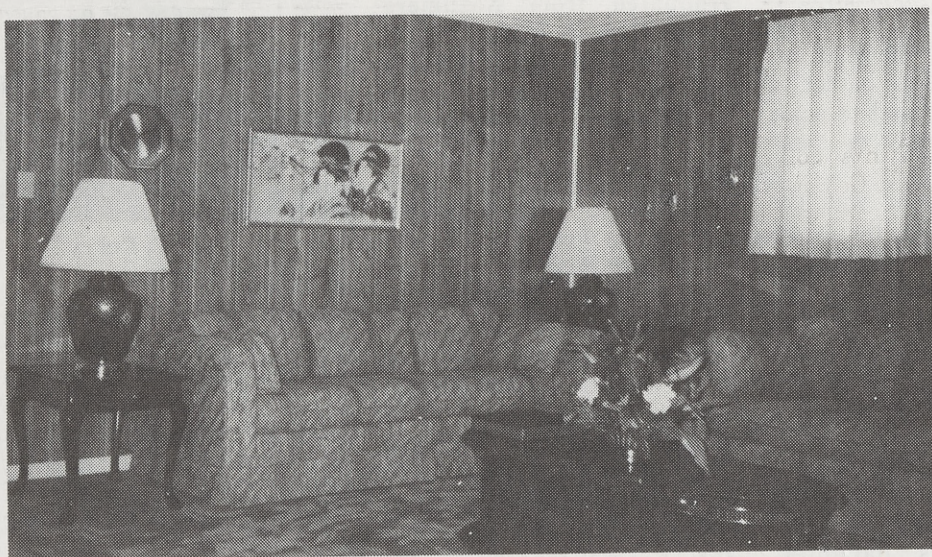
Sister Tucker sends the gliding chair down the stairs. The ride is very safe and pleasant.



Madame Mattie Wigley points to a closet filled with linen.



Ms. Diane Askew was given a grand tour of McGlothen House. She was gracious enough to pose by the new stairwell in the front room.



The McGlothen House is fully furnished and ready for comfortable living.



Many kind and loving saints have worked hard to decorate the house. The department of women has embellished the house with only the best!

SEEKING THINGS THAT ARE ABOVE

SISTER A. M. HESS

Set your affection on things above not on things on the earth.

God's people should seek and dwell on heavenly things while being led by his spirit. Often persons allow themselves to get caught up in material and economic gains. Those persons will continue to worry about maintaining a high financial status. As God's human agent, one's total trust should be in his will; not in the value of a dollar. Ask yourself these questions, "What would it profit me to be rich and never live for God?" Secondly, "Where is my soul going when I die?"

Society encourages everyone to have good life insurance in order to be buried properly. Consequently, plans are made for your earthly possessions in

the form of a legal document defined as a "will". Therefore, when one dies, the earthly possessions will be distributed justly among relatives and friends. Adults make plans so the children will receive the finest education. A local bank makes it possible for a person to save money in various accounts, and when one is sick or elderly, there will be some type of financial security. Society also established a system whereby a person may purchase an exclusive home in the finest neighborhoods. Society pressures people into purchasing the finest and most expensive designer clothing.

Vividly, and quite precisely, I recall reading the scripture, "But first seek ye the kingdom

of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you." A saint cannot afford to dwell on earthly things and forget God's work. In God's house there are many mansions. A song writer once wrote, "I'd rather have Jesus than anything!" If a person has Jesus he has access to everything. Remember, God is a provider to all who seek him.

God created mankind for his own use. Therefore, God wants to receive the glory from the living of human life. Philippians 1:11 reads, "Being filled with the fruit of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God", that is seek not solely for material but the things of God. The blessed and extraordinary gift from God is

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A DIAMOND BIRTHDAY MOTHER JOSIE MEADOWS

Mother Josie Meadows is a native of Athens, Georgia.

In 1932, she joined the Garden of Prayer Church of God in Christ, under the leadership of Dr. and Mother Dabney.

The Lord saved Mother at an early age and anointed her in 1934, to pray for the sick and teach the word.

She served for many years and simultaneously worked at the Garden as Sunday School and YPWW Teacher, Choir Member, Missionary Chorus Vice President 16 1/2 years, Sick Committee 45 years, Help-on-Band, Vice President 9 years and President 12 years.

As an evangelist, Mother

traveled from church to church, encouraging young pastors and helping them, visiting the sick, doing domestic chores and cooking for the needy.

God wrought many miracles through her.

Mother's life is one of dedication to God: praying, caring, loving and sharing with others. She is known for her prayer life far and near. She is a consultant, evangelist and prayer warrior throughout this area and many states, receiving awards, citations and plaques.

In 1964, the Chapel of Four Chaplains recognized her work. She was presented "THE TRUE

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OBITUARY

A FAMILY REMEMBERS

COVINGTON

After a brief illness in Brooklyn Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, Mabel Harrington Covington was called from her earthly labor to her heavenly reward.

She was a native of Lillington, North Carolina, where she received her early education. She obtained a B.S. Degree in Ed., from Fayetteville State University and did graduate studies from North Carolina Central University of Durham, North Carolina. She taught in the junior high school department in North Carolina and in Essex County Newark, New Jersey.

Mother Covington's parents, the late Mack and Fannie Harrington, provided a rich spiritual home environment, the effect of which showed through her attitudes, ambitions, and work through out her life.

Mother Mable Covington accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of the Church of God in Christ without blemish in Lillington, North Carolina under the Pastorate of Bishop C. H. Ratcliff.

After her marriage to Elder W. W. Covington in 1952. She became affiliated with the Church of God in Christ in which her husband was a member, and became a faithful co-laborer with him in home and foreign mission. As Elder Covington obeyed the call of God to a life of evangelism, Mother Covington grasped his vision and worked. Cooperatively and faithfully by his side.

In 1960, when her husband was appointed Pastor of Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, Brooklyn, New York. She worked continuously with him, providing support and encouragement to him and the church family. She found joy and honor in serving wherever she was needed.

KEYS

A man of God dedicated to the service of The Master, has completed his pilgrimage on earth and attained his life's goal of residing in the mansions of Heaven where the faithful of God dwell forever.

Elder John Keys was born March 18, 1896, in Port Barre, Louisiana to the late Frank and Fedelae Keys. He was married to the late Cassie Keys who preceded him in death. To this union two children were born who preceded him in death.

To support him in his strivings in 1969, the widowed pastor was blessed to receive Eloise Cowart as his wife who faithfully served and supported him until his death.

Elder John Keys heard the gospel of sanctification and was baptized with the Holy Ghost on December 20, 1920, under the leadership of the later Elder

In 1982, prior to her husbands death, Elder Covington founded the Faith Temple Church of God in Christ in Lillington, North, Carolina under the faithful, diligent administrative leadership of Mother Covington the edifice was completed and renamed Faith Temple Memorial Church of God in Christ. This church stands as a reminder of the faithfulness and dedication of Mother Covington to her husband's ministry. Supt. A. E. Peterson is pastor.

As a faithful and dedicated church worker for 34 years, she fulfilled many responsibilities. Mother Covington's encouragement to Elder James to Huston, Pastor influenced the establishment of Bethel Church of God in Christ, Dunn, North, Carolina. At her local church she served as personal secretary to her pastor Dr. C. L. Sexton, Sr. Program Coordinator, President of the Music Department, Special Projects Committee, Chairperson of the Executive Coordinating Committee of the Women's Department, Purity Class, Advisor to the Youth Department, Mother Board, Sunshine Band, Women's Department, Prayer and Bible Band.

She served the State Church as the State Financial Secretary, former president of the Workshop Committee for the Women's Department. A member of the Minister and Pastor's wives auxiliary, and recording secretary.

She served the National Church as an alto member of the National Choir.

After nearly a year to reflect over our loss we submit this article as a statement of our love.

The Harrington Family

Compton at the Compton Temple Church of God in Christ of Galveston, Texas.

In 1932, he moved to New Orleans, Louisiana and became a member of Sixth Street Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Elder Feltus.

In 1935, the Lord called him into the ministry and in 1942, he was ordained an Elder. He founded and built Holy Temple Church of God in Christ. Many trials and tribulations befell him but he continued to press forward.

In 1970, he was elected as President of the National Pastors and Ministers Fellowship. Surely the Lord blessed the Pastors and Ministers that fellowshiped and was taught the Doctrine of the church by Elder Keys.

Elder Keys was loved and revered as Father by many

Saints throughout the City, State and Country. No count can be made of the people who were touched and changed by his spirit. No depth can be measured of the loss to all who knew him.

Despite intermittent ill health, Elder Keys remained steadfast to his commitments until his passing from this life on September 8, 1987; but the scripture assured us that he has passed "unto life". We can truly say he has a home eternally in heaven for he was a true soldier until the end.

He leaves to mourn a devoted wife, Mrs. Eloise Keys, three grandchildren, Samuel Evans, Jr., and Delores Sanders both of Lansing, Michigan, Marva Hall of Shreveport, La. Six great-grandchildren, four sisters-in-law, three brothers-in-law and a host of neices, nephews, saints, friends and the Holy Temple Family. He was preceded in death by two children John Keys, Mary Sanders and one Son-in-law Elder DeLewis Sanders.

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HOUSE

"the entire department has worked hard to bring all these things to pass. Every woman who has worked is worthy of thanks." In the final analysis, it is the elderly women of the ministry who get the benefit for their labors.

McGlothen House is totally occupied for the convocation. 14 guests will be quartered in the home. Mother McGlothen and her personal secretary have rooms there. It is a time of great joy when the saints come together and worship God. Now even the elderly and most faithful have a place to stay while they enjoy the convocation.

In 1985, many saints worked on the McGlothen project. For the record the board of trustees was Mother Mattie McGlothen, Mother Freddie J. Bell, Missionary Olive Brown, Mother Victoria Barnes, Mother Mary L. Belvin, Mother Carrie Cantrell, Mother Emma Crouch, Mother Betty Walker, Mother Creola Wallace and Mother Gertrude Young.

The building is secured and maintained by Bro. Huegha Terry and Bro. and Sis. Jesse Hunter. Sis. Allean Mabone is the faithful year round custodian.

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CUBAN

restrictions. The Church of God in Christ has realized governments can be approached and hopefully greater communication and activities will result from the States to Cuba.

Before the convocation started the delegation had an opportunity to visit Pentecostal Temple Institutional and hear the presiding officer, Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr., preach. For the coming week, they were told to anticipate the great crowds which attend the Holy

Convocation. It is the hope of Bishop Moody that the delegation will be inspired and enjoy the fellowship. Bishop Moody also endeavors to make a trip to Cuba and personally visit the saints. The saints need to understand there are brothers and sisters in Christ over here praying for them. The Church needs to take care of those members afar off and give whatever support it can.

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TRANSFORMING

God had TRANSFORMED their OPPOSITION INTO AN OPPORTUNITY.

Let us remember that there were three phases within the ministry of our Lord Jesus. A PERIOD OF OBSCURITY—A PERIOD OF POPULARITY—A PERIOD OF OPPOSITION.

Only THE PERIOD OF OPPOSITION served to benefit the doomed world from destruction. When Jesus was condemned and gave His life on the cross, it allowed him THE OPPORTUNITY to rise from the dead and open the gates of heaven for whosoever would believe. (see John 3:15) Let the dark clouds rise, and the stormy winds blow, in your home-on your job-even among your love ones, hold on to God's unchanging hand, and just remember that Oppositions can be Transformed into Opportunities.

by
ERNEST J. O'NEAL

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McDOWELL

September 12, 1987, at 5:45 a.m., at Memorial Hospital of Gulfport, the Lord said, "well done thy good and faithful servant", and Bishop Elson James McDowell slipped into eternal peace.

Family members who will cherish the memory are Mother Minnie Mae, a devoted and loving wife; four sons, William McDowell, Bobby Ray McDowell, Joseph McDowell, New York, New York; Elder Augustus McDowell, Goldsboro, North Carolina; one daughter-in-law, Jacqueline McDowell, Goldsboro; one stepson, Charles Newsome, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; one step daughter-in-law, Mary Newsome, Hattiesburg; two daughters, Kathryn Snelson, LaMesa, California and Zennie Howard, Detroit, Michigan; two sons-in-law, Elder Edward Howard, Detroit and Charlie Snelson, LaMesa; fifteen grandchildren, five great grandchildren; three sisters, Zenolia Butler, Detroit; Olivia Chase, Jackson; and Florence Nickles, Quitman; three brothers-in-law; one brother, Monroe McDowell, Winslow, Arizona; devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, and many, many friends.

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MIRACLE

no television, and finally, bring no other book but the Bible and a concordance...And we began to

praise..."

By this time the room was roaring with praise and worship. Like in Acts 2nd chapter, the entire church was with one accord welcoming the manifestation of the Holy Ghost, which was only moments away. Tears were rolling down almost every face when Deacon John E. Anderson, a man who had not seen in months was touched by the Holy Ghost and his sight was immediately restored. Deacon Anderson walked around the church praising God and declaring "I can see! I can see!" The Lord restored his eyesight, and perhaps better than some others because Deacon Anderson stood in front of the church and read the time on the clock in the rear of the sanctuary.

The rejoicing and the praise carried over to the Official Day Service, which concluded the 21st Annual Holy Convocation. Bishop Anderson delivered a stirring message from the theme: "Don't Be a Failing Christian." His Text was St. Mark 9:17-21. The Official Day service was held at Grace Temple Church of God in Christ.

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SEEKING

eternal life, which is God's best! Therefore, one must give up something to have this life. It is extremely necessary for one to make plans and preparations to meet God one day. Being saved and filled is exactly what it takes.

Yes everyone likes having nice things and plenty of money to spend but always put God first in everything. I encourage everyone to strive for spiritual gain and always walk softly and upright before the Lord. Your success in Christ is determined by faithfulness, steadfastness and whether or not one is living in God's perfect will. If a person puts his trust in the Lord that persons's foot path shall be straight.

Dear Whole Truth Editor,

Greetings in the fear of God, and may He richly bless you and yours.

This letter comes as a form of information to the General Church;

One Elder Hall, who resides in Jamaica, has been touring and collecting funds under the name of the CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC. Elder Hall is not a member of the Church, and has not been for a number of years.

He has been posing as a bishop, and I, Bishop Ivor F. Rowe is the appointed Bishop to the Island of Jamaica. Bishop Moody has made numerous attempts to contact Elder Hall, and even set up a meeting in Jamaica to which he refused to come.

I am asking that all building fund monies for Jamaica, be sent: Bishop Ivor F. Rowe c/o Missions Department, P.O. Box 491, Memphis, Tennessee 38101

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FIRE

busy schedule. People came from every corner of Virginia to give support and witness an old fashion Holy Ghost revival. Not a moment was wasted and daily there were seminars, institutes and powerful preaching nightly. As a result 37 souls were saved and 12 backsliders came back to the Lord. Four saints claimed healing and scores were simply blessed. In related services held at a nearby college, 27 students were saved. Evangelist Battles was very pleased and overjoyed with God's blessings.

The New Community Church of God in Christ will never be the same. Anytime souls are saved things change. The many

talented people who conducted the services each shared in the witness. Dr. E. L. Battles preached nightly and his lovely wife, Sister Almyra Battles sang under the anointing. One of Elder Battles most memorable messages was "Does it Really Pay To Be a Christian." Truly his delivery and sincerity inspired the saved and convicted the unsaved to seek God. By his side stood his ever faithful worker, Dr. Reatha D. Herndon, the Elect Lady. She was reported to be at her best during the services. Mother Herndon has been active in ministry for 75 years and has no less intensity. Evangelist Elizabeth Copeland conducted testimony services and God received glory for his great works. Her style and driving force made things move with the spirit. Elder Milton Oliver demonstrated the affects of the blood of Jesus. This most unique presentation uses a chemical process to explain a spiritual point. Elder Oliver's methods and personality made the situation very interesting and informative. Nightly, Elder Noah Shumate led the congregation in song. Along with the talented abilities of Elder Anthony Olds, State Minister of Music, Elder Shumate provided that timely and meaningful song at the correct moment. Another thrilling message was preached by President Neville, who lifted the saints. During the UNAC in Detroit, he literally wore things out and was no less effective during the revival. Evangelist Marrell C. Battles conducted a daily seminar and Evangelist Veronesa Thornton provided her lifting personal testimony of faith.

As one can imagine, the church was jumping for good reasons. On the other hand, God was not finished and opened a new front at the college campus. At Norfolk College Evangelist Dickerson Wells, a fire brand preacher with a dynamic presentation rallied for the Lord. He and Brother Ty Dowdy, the spirit filled rapping artist did things the way youth like it. This pair was a good mixture of fun and truth. Anyway 27 students enjoyed the ministry and heard the truth of God. They got saved and surrendered to Christ. More campuses could use this pair of Christian workers.

It seems that everything went well and the president related how pleased he was. Bishop Thomas and his state hospitality was excellent and supplied one daily meal for the team. The state choir was always in place and sang beautiful praises to God. Dr. Battles hope is that more jurisdictions will open their doors to his team. Bishop D. L. Lindsey has and will host the team in March of 1987, Lord willing.

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BIRTHDAY

MISSIONARY HEART FOR GOD" trophy on November 30, 1969, by Elder Morris, pastor of Mt. Airy Church of God in Christ.

In 1976, the Lord blessed Mother to graduate from the Antioch Bible Institute under the leadership of Dr. Benjamin Cohen.

Mother Meadows is an honorary member of the Garden of Prayer, where Elder Herman Thompson is pastor.

She is a member of Shiloh Temple Church of God in Christ, under the leadership of her youngest son, Elder Henry L. Meadows. She was appointed over 6 years ago to serve as Assistant Church Mother to the late Mother Irene Taylor. On May 3, 1987, she was installed as the Church Mother. Mother serves as the leader of the Outreach Ministry, Prayer and Bible Band and Pastor's Aide member, and renders service wherever help is needed.

In the Eastern Jurisdiction of Pa., where Bishop DeWitt A. Burton is Prelate, Mother serves on the State Advisory Board and Prayer and Bible Band Chairlady under the State Supervisor, Mother Thelma Scott, Department of Women.

Certainly, the Lord has marveously blessed Mother and we thank God for her beautiful life.

To God be the glory for the things He has done and is still doing in her life.

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